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1. IN A JOINT STATEMENT PRESENTED TO A CLOSED SESSION
OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE JAN 30 MUGABE AND NKOMO SPELLED
OUT THEIR REASONS FOR REFUSING TO MEET WITH RICHARD.

2. STATEMENT SAID, "THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ARISING FROM
THE UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS BY
BRITAIN COMPELS US TO ADOPT THE ATTITUDE THAT ANY TALKS BETWEEN
US AND MR. RICHARD ARE A FUTILE EXERCISE. ONLY WHEN BRITAIN
IS PREPARED TO ADOPT A POSITIVE, UNEQUIVOCAL
AND MORE DETERMINED STAND TO EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE
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PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE CAN WE EVEN CONSIDER HOLDING ANY PRELIMINARY
DISCUSSIONS WITH HEREMISSARIES. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD
PARTICIPATED IN THE GENEVA TALKS ON THE STRENGTH OF THE PRINCIPLE
THAT THE TRANSFER OF POWER NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE INDEPENDENCE
OF ZIMBABWE MUST BE EFFECTED BY NO ONE ELSE BUT BRITAIN, AS THE
COLONIAL POWER, TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE THROUGH THEIR
REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT."

3. "BY BREAKING THE TALKS UNILATERALLY, BRITAIN HAS SHOWN CALLOUS DISREGARD FOR THE INTEREST OF THE SIX-AND-A-HALF MILLION ZIMBABWEANS IN PREFERENCE FOR THE INTERESTS OF ITS KITH AND KIN. BRITAIN HAS ACCORDINGLY LEFT THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ONLY ONE OPTION -- TO INTENSIFY OUR ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE ONLY METHOD OF ATTAINING OUR GOAL OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE."
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